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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Please cancel claims 3 and 12 without prejudice.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A user-replaceable cover for an electronic device comprising:

a first portion configured for user attachment to and user detachment from a front portion of the electronic device;

a second portion, adjacent to the first portion, comprising one or more predetermined fold lines;

a third portion, adjacent to the second portion, configured for user attachment to and user detachment from a back portion of the device,

wherein the user-replaceable cover is formed from a sheet of material dimensioned to at least partially cover the electronic device, wherein the sheet is configured to have a substantially flat configuration and a folded configuration and be bendable along the one or more predetermined fold lines into the folded configuration to cover the electronic device, the sheet being configured such that when folded along the one or more predetermined fold lines the sheet wants to return to the flat configuration were the sheet not held in the folded configuration by the electronic device.

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2. (Currently amended) A user-replaceable cover according to claim 1, wherein the user-replaceable cover is configured to be user bendable onto an electronic device.

3-5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently amended) A user-replaceable cover according to claim 1, wherein the sheet of material is formed from a plastic.

7. (Currently amended) A user-replaceable cover according to claim 1, wherein the sheet of material is formed from a metal.

8. (Currently amended) A user-replaceable cover according to claim 1, wherein the sheet of material comprises metal and/or plastic.

9. (Currently amended) A user-replaceable cover according to claim 1, wherein the sheet of material is configured to allow it to be bendable back on itself.

10. (Currently amended) A user-replaceable cover according to claim 1, wherein the sheet of material is dimensioned to bridge one or more lateral edges of an electronic device.

11. (Currently amended) A user-replaceable cover according to claim 1, wherein the sheet of material is dimensioned to cover a front and/or rear surface of the electronic device.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently amended) A user-replaceable cover according to claim 1, wherein the sheet of material comprises a

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holding arrangement to facilitate the holding of the user-replaceable cover on the device in the folded configuration.

14. (Currently amended) A user-replaceable cover according to claim 1, wherein the sheet of material is printed on the inner folded surface of the user-replaceable cover.

15. (Currently amended) A user-replaceable cover according to claim 1, wherein the sheet of material is configured to be foldable in half.

16. (Currently amended) A user-replaceable cover according to claim 1, wherein the sheet of material is printed to provide user readable indicia.

17. (Currently amended) A user-replaceable cover according to claim 1, wherein the sheet of material comprises one or more actuators to engage with a covered user interface of an electronic device.

18. (Currently amended) A user-replaceable cover according to claim 17, wherein the one or more actuators have sufficient flexibility to allow movement of the actuators in/out of the plane of the sheet.

19. (Currently amended) A user-replaceable cover according to claim 17, wherein the one or more actuators are raised domes.

20. (Currently amended) A user-replaceable cover according to claim 1, configured to provide a reeled configuration for facilitating transport, storage, and/or packaging of the user-replaceable cover.

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21. (Currently amended) A user-replaceable cover according to claim 1, dimensioned and configured to cover a mobile phone.

22. (Currently amended) A method of distributing a user-replaceable cover according to claim 1, the method comprising providing the user-replaceable cover in an unfolded configuration, and distributing the cover along with a printed publication.

23. (Currently amended) An electronic device configured to receive a ~~cover for an~~ user-replaceable electronic device cover comprising a first portion configured for user attachment to and user detachment from a front portion of the electronic device;

a second portion, adjacent to the first portion, comprising one or more predetermined fold lines;

a third portion, adjacent to the second portion, configured for user attachment to and user detachment from a back portion of the electronic device,

wherein the user-replaceable cover is formed from a sheet of material dimensioned to at least partially cover the electronic device, wherein the sheet is configured to have a substantially flat configuration and a folded configuration and be bendable along the one or more predetermined fold lines into the folded configuration to at least partially cover the electronic device, the sheet configured such that when folded along the one or more predetermined fold lines the sheet would want to unfold to the flat configuration were the sheet not held in the folded configuration by the electronic device, and

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wherein the device is configured to hold the sheet in the folded configuration to act as a cover for the device.

24-26. (Cancelled)

27. (Currently amended) A user-replaceable cover according to claim 9, wherein the sheet is configured to define a U-shape when in a folded configuration.

28. (Currently amended) The user-replaceable cover according to claim [[3]] 1, wherein the user-replaceable cover comprises [[an]] a user-releasable adhesive to allow the user-replaceable cover to be releasably held to the device as a cover.

29. (Currently amended) The device according to claim 23, wherein the device is configured to engage with apertures in the sheet to hold the user-replaceable cover over the device in the folded configuration.

30. (Currently amended) The device according to claim 23, wherein the device is configured to comprise grooves to hold the user-replaceable cover over the device in the folded configuration.

31. (Currently amended) A method of at least partially covering an electronic device by providing a user-replaceable sheet configured to have a substantially flat configuration and a folded configuration, the user-replaceable sheet configured to want to unfold from the folded configuration to the flat configuration if not held in the folded configuration by the electronic device, the method comprising bending the user-replaceable sheet along

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one or more predetermined fold lines and holding the user-replaceable sheet [[into]] in the folded configuration to cover the electronic device, wherein the user-replaceable sheet is held in the folded configuration by the electronic device, and wherein the user-replaceable sheet comprises a first portion configured for user attachment to and user detachment from a front portion of the electronic device;

a second portion, adjacent to the first portion, comprising one or more predetermined fold lines; and

a third portion, adjacent to the second portion, configured for user attachment to and user detachment from a back portion of the device.

32. (New) The device of claim 30, wherein the thicknesses of the first and third portions of the user-replaceable cover are configured to allow the cover to be held in the grooves of the device.